



MINUTES

January 25, 2006

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Batton, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children to order at 5:18 pm, in the Bridge room at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Senior Center at El Dorado Park. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Present:

Pierre Batton, 1st District Representative, Co-Chair

Rebecca Turrentine, Education, Co-Chair

Amber Hines, *9th District Youth*

Helen Ingram, *Education*

Marty Isozaki, *Job Training*

Harry Koulos, *3rd District Youth*

Mackenzie Martin, *5th District Youth*

Jeanetta McAlpin, *Social Services*

Jon Meyer, *LBUSD Board Member*

Crystal Palatto, *7th District Youth*

Phillip Penn, *8th District Youth*

Victor Perez, *Health*

Lauren Perry, *2nd District Youth*

Jessica Quintana, *Parent*

Marc Rothenberg, *Juvenile Justice*

Kevin Scott, *Youth Enrichment*

Mary Soth, *Early Childhood Development*

Chelsii Summerville, *4th District Youth*

Absent:

Sotheara Chhay, *6th District Youth*

Staff:

Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Cynthia Fogg, Superintendent, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Andrew Romero, Youth Development Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Toni Forde-Hixon, Community Services Supervisor, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Christina Santos, Research and Data Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine

Guests:

Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald

Diane Jacobus, Mayor's Office

Rick Gonzalez, Community Development Workforce Development Bureau

Derek Simpson, Community Development Workforce Development Bureau

John Williams, Knight Foundation

Various members of the Youth Services NETWORK

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Ingram to approve the November 17, 2005 Commission on Youth and Children minutes as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMENTS

No comments.

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

As usual, the Superintendent's monthly report was included in the agenda packet. Co-Chair Turrentine made a note that the Mayoral Candidate Forum date needs to be changed to March 2, 2006 rather than March 6, 2006, as listed.

Superintendent Fogg took time out to thank members of the Youth Service NETWORK for their presence at the meeting and asked the members of the audience to introduce themselves and the organization that they were representing.

Ms. Fogg asked Ann Link to address the website maintenance and updates. Ms. Link requested for the Youth Service Organizations to verify and/or update their information for the directory. Ms. Fogg also requested for the NETWORK to update any email changes to Ms. Link, to ensure email notifications.

Ms. Fogg introduced Jean Egan, Chair of the After School Advocacy Partnership (ASAP) and founder of Long Beach BLAST, to talk about the activities of the committee. Ms. Egan passed out informative literature about ASAP, a subcommittee of the Youth Services NETWORK, which focuses on a collaborative partnership on after school program. Ms. Egan discussed the successes of ASAP through the critical role in connection of the large grant application for funding through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, which helped open approximately 43 new after school programs. Ms. Egan also talked about upcoming events for ASAP, and encouraged the commission to support and possibly be in attendance at some of these events.

At this time, Co-Chair Batton introduced special guest Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald. Co-Chair Batton motioned to reorder the agenda to move Item VIII b up to this time to accommodate the Congresswoman. It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner McAlpin to approve the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Fogg and Co-Chair Batton presented a PowerPoint presentation on America's Promise. The presentation recapped the application process for America's Promise, the America's Promise Forum for 100 Best Communities and on going involvement with America's Promise. The presentation also highlighted Long Beach as the Pacific Region Award Winner. Diane Jacobus of the Mayor's Office and the Commission on Youth and Children presented and distributed awards to Congresswoman Millender-McDonald by. Congresswoman Millender-McDonald spoke about her experience

joining the Long Beach Contingent to support and represent Long Beach at the America's Promise Forum in Washington D. C. Congresswoman Millender-McDonald thanked the commission and distributed awards to Co-Chair Batton and Co-Chair Turrentine, but also promised awards the rest of the commission at a later date. Co-Chair Turrentine accepted her award on behalf of the entire commission. Awards were also distributed to Pierre Batton, Phil Hester, Michelle Parrenoud and Don Rodriguez.

Ms. Fogg explained that the committee has accepted the commission's recommendations and placed them on the City Council's Federal Legislative Agenda.

Ms. Fogg recapped on the Governor's Women's Conference. Ms. Fogg reported that Congresswoman Millender-McDonald gave the young women on the commission tickets to attend this conference. Commissioner Hines reported on her experience at the conference and how she found the conference to be very informative.

V. CO-CHAIRS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

Co-Chair Batton discussed his participation in the Martin Luther King Parade alongside Councilmember Lowenthal on Saturday, January 14th.

Co-Chair Batton also discussed his experience as being an extra for a movie.

Co-Chair Turrentine congratulated Commissioner Koulos on Co-Chairing the Mayoral Candidate Forum Committee.

Co-Chair Turrentine also noted that Commissioner Koulos was asked to lead the pledge of allegiance at the City Council Meeting where he was also recognized for his work in the 3rd District.

VI. REPORTS

a. Committees

- I. Executive Committee Commissioners Turrentine and Batton, Co-Chairs**
Co-Chair Turrentine discussed the meeting, which included reviewing the agenda and the draft of the CYC Annual Report.
- II. Profile Project Committee**
Co-Chair Turrentine reported that the Profile Project Committee is still suspended, but will be reconvening in March. Co-Chair Turrentine also suggested that the recruitment of members for this committee be placed on the agenda for the next CYC meeting.
- III. Public Relations Committee Co-Chairs Chhay and McAlpin**
Commissioner McAlpin had no report on the Public Relations Committee, however she did report that she is also currently working with the Mayoral Candidates Forum Committee.

IV. Long Beach Youth Fund Committee

Co-Chair Turrentine explained that the committee would be reconvening in March.

V. Special Implementation Committee Co-Chairs Batton and Scott

Co-Chair Batton explained that the committee is still in the works for formation, so there is no report at this time.

VI. Special Mayoral Candidates Forum Committee Co-Chairs Isozaki and Koulos

Commissioner Isozaki reminded the commissioners and the audience about the attachment of the Mayoral Candidates Forum on the agenda package. Commissioner Isozaki also encouraged people to attend the forum. Commissioner Isozaki also discussed the draft of the event program.

Ms. Fogg commented on adding the Parks and Recreation logo to the event program because it is the department that supports the commission. Ms. Fogg also commented on the back page of the program.

Commissioner Isozaki made note of the changes to the due date, which has been extended to February 8, 2006.

Lastly, Commissioner Soth made comment in hope to encourage participation.

b. Standing Items

I. Education and Youth Strategic Plan

No report at this time.

II. District Level Youth Advisory Councils

Report on DLYAC meetings

The various youth Commissioners present reported on the following schedules for the District Level Youth Advisory Councils. The schedule of the 2006 DLYAC meetings was distributed as an attachment to the agenda package. Andrew Romero elaborated on each district meeting.

District 1 Co-chair Batton was unable to attend the meeting, however the group decided to make a video on their Freedom trip the South, along with the second district.

District 2 Plan on working with the 1st District on the video.

District 3 Commissioner Koulos started the Youth Council Club at Wilson High School in order to increase participation to represent the 3rd District.

District 4 Commissioner Summerville reported that the group did not meet.

District 5 Commissioner Martin explained that the group worked on different ideas to help support the Mayoral Candidates Forum.

District 6 No meeting.

District 7 Commissioner Palatto discussed the district's tree planting planning.

District 8 Commissioner Penn explained that the group prepared questions for the Mayoral Candidates Forum.

District 9 Commissioner Hines commented on the group's decision to schedule dates for neighborhood clean-ups.

III. Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force

Commissioner Rothenberg reported that the Youth and Gang Violence Prevention Task Force was dark in the month of December. However, the group participated in a retreat on January 28th to focus on the direction for 2006.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Incoming – America's Promise – Letter of Appreciation

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. Strengthening Youth-Serving Agencies in Long Beach; Challenges and Opportunities for Capacity Building

John Williams, of the John S. & James L. Knight Foundation, presented the commission with a PowerPoint presentation on the above entitled study, prepared by Dr. Thomas Backer, project director.

It was moved by Commissioner Hines and seconded by Commissioner Isozaki to receive and file the report. The motion carried unanimously.

b. America's Promise

This item was moved to item IV on the agenda. There were no comments.

c. City of Long Beach Workforce Development Board Youth Council

Rick Gonzalez, staff of the Workforce Development Board, and Derek Simpson, Chair of the Youth Council, presented the commission with a PowerPoint presentation.

It was moved by the Commission to receive and file the report. The motion carried unanimously.

d. CYC Annual Report

Ms. Fogg suggested that the recommended action be revised to allow the

Commissioners to take some time to review the CYC annual report and submit changes via email.

It was moved by Commissioner Quintana and seconded by Commissioner Isozaki to approve the draft and authorize staff to submit it to the Mayor and Members of the City Council. The motion carried unanimously.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 22 at 5:00 p.m.**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Hines and seconded by Commissioner Perry to adjourn the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children at 7:10 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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